

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) In a data processing system having a user terminal for accessing a selected one of a plurality of applications coupled to a data base management system having a data base responsively coupled to said user terminal via a publicly accessible digital data communication network, the improvement comprising:

a. a user interface module coupled to said user terminal via said publicly accessible digital data communication network and located within said data base of said data base management system which communicates with said selected one of said plurality of applications only via said data base management system.

2. (Previously Presented) The improvement according to claim 1 wherein said publicly accessible digital data communication network further comprises the Internet.

3. (Original) The improvement according to claim 2 wherein said user terminal further comprises an industry compatible personal computer having a commercially available browser.

4. (Previously Presented) The improvement according to claim 3 wherein said selected one of said plurality of applications, said data base management system, and said user interface module are resident within a single server.

5. (Currently Amended) The improvement according to claim 4 wherein said data base management system is Classic MAPPER data base management system.

6. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

- a. a user terminal;
- b. a user interface module responsively coupled to said user terminal via a publicly accessible digital data communication network;
- c. a data base management system responsively coupled to said user interface module and containing said user interface module; and
- d. a plurality of applications responsively coupled to said user interface module via said data base management system.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said publicly accessible digital data communication network further comprises the Internet.

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said user terminal communicates with said plurality of applications via said Internet, said user interface module, and said data base management system.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said user terminal further comprises an industry compatible personal computer containing a web browser.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said data base management system further comprises the Classic MAPPER data base management system.

11. (Previously Presented) A method of communicating between a user terminal coupled via a publicly accessible digital data network to an application located on a remote server having a data base management system with a data base comprising:

- a. transferring a service request from said user terminal to said remote server via said publicly accessible digital data network;
- b. receiving said service request with a user interface module located within said remote server;
- c. storing said service request within said data base management system; and

- d. retrieving said service request from said data base management system by said application.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11 further comprising:

- e. processing said service request with said application to produce a response;

- f. storing said response in said data base management system;

- g. accessing said response from said data base management system by said user interface module; and

- h. transferring said response to said user terminal from said user interface module to said user terminal via said publicly accessible digital data communication network.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12 wherein said publicly accessible digital data communication network further comprises the world wide web.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 13 wherein said user terminal further comprises an industry compatible personal computer.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14 wherein said remote data base management system further comprises Classic MAPPER data base management system.

16. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

- a. permitting means for permitting a user to access a publicly accessible digital data communication network;
- b. providing means responsively coupled to said permitting means via said publicly accessible digital data communication network for providing a user interface to said permitting means;
- c. offering means responsively coupled to said providing means for offering data base management services; and
- d. processing means responsively coupled to said offering means for processing data applications which communicates with said permitting means via said offering means.

17. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said permitting means and said processing means are coupled only via said offering means.

18. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 17 wherein said publicly accessible digital data communication network further comprises the Internet.

19. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 18 wherein said responding means further comprises Classic MAPPER data base management system.

20. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 19 wherein said permitting means further comprises an industry standard personal computer.